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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In response to the Communication dated February 20, 2002 for the above

identified patent application, Applicants submit the following:

an executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by the

inventors:

a copy of the Communication dated February 20, 2002; and

a petition for a one month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

with a check for \$55.00 for the petition fee.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid in an envelope, addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 26, 2002.

Dated: April 26, 2002

It is believed that no other fees will be incurred as a result of this response. However, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of such fees to deposit account 04-1121. Also in the event that any extensions of time are required for this response, please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge deposit account no. 04-1121 therefore. **TWO COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED**.

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